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- Information Disclosure Statement
- Form PTO-1449 and a copy of the cited references
- German Search Report dated March 12, 2003
- Priority Document Submission Cover and Priority Document

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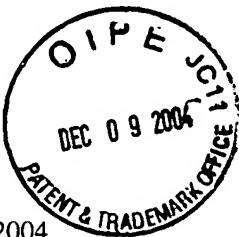
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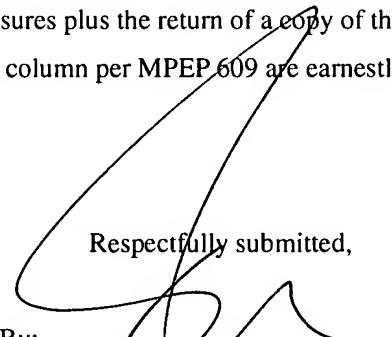
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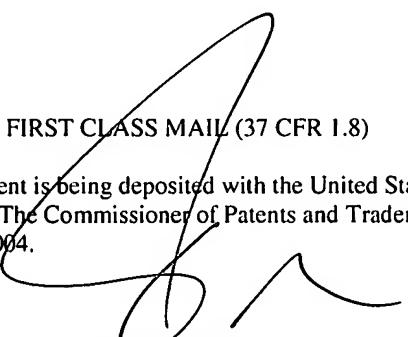

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